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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 6 November 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m. — consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultation Room

Afghanistan

Briefing by the Secretariat

Burundi

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Other matters

3.30 p.m. — consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultation Room

ICTR (S/2001/764)

Other matters

Security briefing

A briefing for delegations from the Permanent and Observer Missions regarding security arrangements for the forthcoming general debate of the General Assembly will take place *today*, 6 November 2001, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 5th meeting of the General Committee of the General Assembly will be held on Wednesday, 7 November 2001, at 9 a.m. in Conference Room 4 (see p. 6).

The 39th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will be held on Wednesday, 7 November 2001, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall (see p. 6).

FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(10-16 November 2001)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 5) for the general debate of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly is now available in room S-3001. The provisional list of speakers (No. 5) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the permanent missions (office of the Permanent Representative).

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 661 (1990) CONCERNING THE SITUATION BETWEEN IRAQ AND KUWAIT

3.30 p.m.	225th meeting* (closed)	Conference Room 7

* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same conference room, immediately after the meeting. Following the oral briefing to members of the United Nations, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 2

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64 to 84:

Documents of the First Committee: *item 74* (A/56/172, A/56/136 and Add.1 and 2, A/56/309, A/56/348, A/56/360, A/56/182, A/56/165 and Add.1, A/56/183, A/56/166, A/56/400, A/56/296, A/56/404, A/56/408, A/56/257 and Add.1, A/56/130 and Add.1, A/C.1/56/L.49/Rev.1)

[Documents of the First Committee: A/C.1/56/1, A/C.1/56/2, A/C.1/56/3 and Add.1, A/C.1/56/4, A/C.1/56/5*, A/C.1/56/INF.1 and Rev.1 and A/C.1/56/INF.2]

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	24th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [97] (A/56/221, A/56/222-S/2001/736, A/56/306 and A/56/362-S/2001/87)

(a) Women in development (A/56/321 and Corr.1)

(b) Human resources development (A/56/162 and A/56/306)

(c) High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership (A/56/364 and A/56/482)

(d) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (A/56306)

Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.- 6 p.m. | 25th meeting | Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [97] (A/56/221, A/56/222-S/2001/736, A/56/306 and A/56/362-S/2001/87)

(a) Women in development (A/56/321 and Corr.1)

(b) Human resources development (A/56/162 and A/56/306)

(c) High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership (A/56/364 and A/56/482)

(d) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (A/56/306)

Conclusion of general discussion

2. Environment and sustainable development [98]

(b) International strategy for disaster reduction

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.15

(c) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.17

(e) Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.16

3. Sectoral policy questions: business and development [96 (a)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.18

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m. | 31st meeting | Conference Room 1

Human rights questions [119] (A/56/118, A/C.3/56/3)

Introductory statement and dialogue with the High Commissioner for Human Rights

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments (A/56/3 (Suppl., No. 3), A/56/44 (Suppl.), A/56/40 (Suppl., Vol. I and II and Add.1), A/56/156, A/56/177, A/56/178, A/56/179, A/56/181, A/56/205, A/56/212)

General discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | 24th meeting | Conference Room 3

1. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [130] (A/56/381, A/56/83, A/56/128)

Conclusion of general discussion

2. United Nations common system [127] (A/56/30 and A/56/485)

Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.- 6 p.m. | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003):

Part IV: International cooperation for development *(continued)*:

Section 12: Environment
Section 13: Human settlements
Section 14: Crime prevention and criminal justice
Section 15: International drug control

(A/56/6 and Corr.1 (Sections 9-15), A/56/7 and A/56/16)

Part V: Regional cooperation for development:

Section 16: Economic and social development in Africa
Section 16A: Regional commissions
Section 16B: Regional Commissions New York Office
Section 17: Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific
Section 18: Economic development in Europe
Section 19: Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean
Section 20: Economic and social development in Western Asia
Section 21: Regular programme of technical cooperation

(A/56/6 and Corr.1 (Sections 16-21), A/56/7 and A/56/16)

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 4

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-third session [162] (A/56/10 and Corr.1)

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-third session [162] (A/56/10 and Corr.1)

3 p.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 4

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-third session [162] (A/56/10 and Corr.1)

Afternoon** 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4

Scope of legal protection under the Convention on the Safety of the United Nations and Associated Personnel [167]

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* Following the adjournment of the 20th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

** Following the adjournment of the 21st meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

International Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia

INVESTMENTS COMMITTEE

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
2.30 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held *today*, 6 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Informal consultations on agenda item 39 (Towards global partnerships)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 39 (Towards global partnerships), organized by the delegation of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) will be held *today*, 6 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) *today*, 6 November 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet *today*, 6 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 6 November 2001

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

ISLAMIC GROUP:

WORKING GROUP ON THE ANNUAL COORDINATION MEETING

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.4 (agenda item 100))

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

FRENCH WORKSHOP ON THE STRUCTURE, DRAFTING AND ADOPTION OF UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ *(Third Committee) today*, 6 November 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in *Conference Room C.*

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There will be a meeting of Least Developed Countries, organized by the delegation of Bangladesh, *today*, 6 November 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Migration, Xenophobia and Human Rights", co-sponsored by the International Labour Office (ILO), the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the International Organization for Migration (IOM), *today*, 6 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Opening remarks will be given by Mrs. Mary Robinson, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. The speakers will include H.E. Mr. Gustavo Albin, Permanent Representative of Mexico at the United Nations Office at Geneva; Mrs. Daniela Napoli, European Commission; Ms. Elsa Ramos, International Confederation of Free Trade Unions; Mr. Robert Paiva, Permanent Observer for the International Organization for Migration to the United Nations; and Mr. Patrick Taran, Senior Migration Specialist, ILO. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Caroline Lewis (tel.: (212) 697-0150, ext. 102).

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There will be meetings of the 2001 United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament *today*, 6 November 2001, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 7 November 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

9 a.m. 5th meeting Conference Room 4

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, organization of work and allocation of items [8]

(a) Allocation of agenda item 169 (Administration of justice at the United Nations)

(b) Letter from the President of the Economic and Social Council (A/56/517)

10 a.m. 39th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of the members of the International Law Commission [16 (a)]

(a) Notes by the Secretary-General concerning the candidates (A/56/117 and Corr.1 and Add.1-3)

(b) Note by the Secretary-General concerning the consolidated list of candidates (A/56/486 and Corr.1)

(c) Curricula vitae (A/56/124 and Add.1)

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 2

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	15th meeting	Conference Room 2

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	26th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	32nd meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	33rd meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 25th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 4

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held on Friday, 9 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, 7 and 8 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. Conference Room 6, and on Friday, 9 November, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its 15th meeting on Wednesday, 7 November 2001, at 10 a.m., to continue its consideration of agenda item 87 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East). The Committee will also begin consideration of agenda item 88 (Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories).

Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on agenda items 88, 89 and 90 are kindly urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers as soon as possible with the secretariat of the Committee (room S-2977; tel.: (212) 963-9223).

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee under agenda item 119 (Human rights questions), beginning on Thursday, 8 November 2001, as follows:

On Thursday, 8 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Kamal Hossain (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan); Mr. Nigel Rodley (Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment); and Mr. John Dugard (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967). At 3 p.m.: Mrs. Marie-Thérèse Kéita-Bocoum (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi); and Mr. Gerhart R. Baum (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan). In addition, the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo will be introduced by the Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights;

On Friday, 9 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Andreas Mavrommatis (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq); Mr. Paulo Sérgio Pinheiro (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar); and Mr. José Cutileiro (Special Representative on the situation of human rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia). At 3 p.m.: Mr. Abdelfattah Amor (Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief); Mr. Francis Deng (Representative of the Secretary-General on the protection of and assistance to internally displaced persons); and Mr. Jean Ziegler (Special Rapporteur on the right to food);

On Monday, 12 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Maurice Copithorne (Special Representative of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran); Mr. Peter Leuprecht (Special Representative of the Secretary-General for human rights in Cambodia); and Ms. Hina Jilani (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Human Rights Defenders).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for questions and comments. All interested members of the Committee are invited to participate.

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The 2001 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will take place on Wednesday, 7 November 2001, at 10 a.m., and on Thursday, 8 November, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

It would be appreciated if delegations could submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Pledging Conference, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950-G; tel.: (212) 963-2320; fax: (212) 963-5935). The list of speakers is open.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (10-14 December 2001) will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. All delegations are invited to attend.

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

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Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive-Nuclear-Test Ban Treaty

The Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) has now been rescheduled to take place from 11 to 13 November 2001 at United Nations Headquarters.

Delegations who have not yet inscribed in the list of speakers for the general exchange of views (item 10 of the draft provisional agenda of the Conference - document CTBT-Art.XIV/2001/1/Rev.1) are kindly asked to communicate their request in writing to the secretariat of the Conference (room S-3140). States will be enlisted on a first-come-first served basis, with the proviso that representatives at the highest level will be given priority.

Furthermore, in accordance with item 11 of the draft provisional agenda, States which have not signed the Treaty will be able to make statements at the Conference. Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Conference.

For enquiries regarding the provisional list of speakers, please contact Ms. Anita Ng (tel.: (212) 963-5976; fax: (212) 963-8892).

As a general guidance, it is assumed that speakers, at the discretion of the President, will talk for up to five minutes each. The secretariat also wishes to advise that it is the wish of the majority of the States which have ratified the CTBT that the Conference be attended at a high level.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for representatives of ratifiers and the names of alternate representatives and advisers, in accordance with rule 3 of the draft rules of procedure (document CTBT-Art.XIV/2001/2).

Announcement

Dialogue among Civilizations
(agenda item 25)

In preparation for the debate on agenda item 25 in the General Assembly (Dialogue among civilizations), background information on the United Nations Year of Dialogue among civilizations is available on the Web (http://www.un.org/esa/coordination/rept.htm) and at the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (room DC1-1419C).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ Group *(Second Committee)* on Wednesday, 7 November 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room C.

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There will be a meeting of the Islamic Group *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Wednesday, 7 November 2001, at 1.15 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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There will be meetings of the Group of 77 *(on the Second World Assembly on Ageing)* on Wednesday, 7 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8, and on Thursday, 8 November, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee *(on agenda item 117 (Racism and racial discrimination))* on Thursday, 8 November 2001, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee *(on agenda item 97 (a) (Women in development))* on Thursday, 8 November 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in a Conference Room 7.

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There will be a meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement on Thursday, 8 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors and interested delegations to discuss the draft resolution under agenda item 14 (Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency), organized by the delegation of Australia, on Wednesday, 7 November 2001, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room E.

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Panel discussion

The discussion with human rights Special Rapporteurs, Special Representatives and Independent Experts on "Human Rights Challenges and Priorities in the Post-September 11 Era", organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, in cooperation with the NGO Committee on Human Rights, will be held on Friday, 9 November 2001 *(and not on 6 November, as previously announced)*, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The panellists will be Mr. Jean Ziegler, Special Rapporteur on the right to food; Mr. Paulo Sergio Pinheiro, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar; Mr. Dugard, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967; Mr. Gerhart R. Baum, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan; Ms. Kalliopi Koufa, Special Rapporteur on terrorism and human rights; Mr. José Cutileiro, Special Representative on the situation of human rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia; and Mr. Maurice Copithorne, Special Representative of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representative of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) (Columbia University) are jointly conducting a Columbia/UNITAR workshop on civil-military coordination in peace-building. This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday and Friday, 8 and 9 November 2001 from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) are jointly organizing the annual Campus on Public-Private Partnership for Development of Infrastructure and Social Services. The campus, to be conducted in English, will be held in New York from Tuesday to Friday, 4 to 7 December 2001, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. The registration deadline is Friday, 23 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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As from Thursday, 1 November 2001, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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A Web site of the Presidency of the Security Council has been established with effect on Thursday, 1 November 2001 and can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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The English, French and Spanish Web sites of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373); http://www.un.org/french/docs/sc/committees/1373); and http://www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 5 November 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

4405th meeting

The situation in Liberia

Letter dated 26 October 2001 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1343 (2001) concerning Liberia addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2001/1015)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Belgium, Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President, with the consent of the Council, also extended invitations under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Kishore Mahbubani, Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1343 (2001) concerning Liberia, and to Mr. Ed Tsui, Director of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Kishore Mahbubani, followed by Mr. Martin Chungong Ayafor, Chairman for the Panel of Experts on Liberia.

The Council then heard a briefing by Mr. Ed Tsui.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ukraine, Norway, Colombia, Mali, Mauritius, Bangladesh, France, China, Tunisia, Singapore, the Russian Federation, Ireland, the United Kingdom and the United States, and by the President, speaking in her capacity as the representative of Jamaica.

The Council then heard statements by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Liberia, the representatives of Belgium (speaking on behalf of the European Union and the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union – Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia - and the associated countries, Cyprus and Malta, which aligned themselves with the statement) and Guinea, and the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sierra Leone.

Mr. Martin Chungong Ayafor and Mr. Kevin Kennedy, Chief of the Humanitarian Emergency Branch of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, responded to comments and questions posed by members of the Council.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

37th plenary meeting

Towards global partnerships: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/323 and Corr.1 (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish only)) [39]

The General Assembly decided to hear the observer of Switzerland in the debate on agenda item 39.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), China, Singapore, the Republic of Korea, Ghana, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), Mexico, India, the Russian Federation, Brazil, Canada, Pakistan and Egypt.

In accordance with the decision taken earlier, the observer of Switzerland made a statement.

The General Assembly was informed that a draft resolution under this item would be submitted at a later date.

Observance of the International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict: draft resolution (A/56/L.8) [171]

The representative of Kuwait made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/56/L.8.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Iraq.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 54/195 of 17 December 1999, the observer for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources made a statement.

By 50 votes to 0, with 34 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted operative paragraph 1 of draft resolution A/56/L.8.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/56/L.8 as a whole (resolution 56/4).

The representative of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 171.

Culture of peace: draft resolution (A/56/L.5) [28]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 28.

The Assembly adopted draft resolution A/56/L.5 (resolution 56/5).

The representative of Israel made a statement in explanation of vote.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 28.

38th plenary meeting

Final review and appraisal of the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s: note by the Secretary-General (A/56/270) [22]

Statements were made by the representatives of India, Japan, Senegal, South Africa, Namibia, Ghana, the Republic of Korea, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mexico, Botswana, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), the United States, the Philippines, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, the United Republic of Tanzania and Egypt.

The Assembly was informed that a draft resolution would be submitted under this item at a later date.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 22nd meeting

The Committee continued the third stage of work (action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64 to 84).

The Chairman introduced revised draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.49/Rev.1.

Draft decision A/C.1/56/L.10/Rev.1 was adopted by 140 votes to 1, with zero abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.44/Rev.1 was adopted as follows: operative paragraph 9 was adopted by 132 votes to 3, with 6 abstentions; the draft resolution as a whole was adopted by 90 votes to 35, with 19 abstentions.

Draft decision A/C.1/56/L.60 was adopted by 101 votes to 7, with 34 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.47 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.29 was adopted without a vote.

23rd meeting

The Committee continued the third stage of work (action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64 to 84).

The representative of Japan orally revised draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.35/Rev.1*.

The representative of the Democratic Republic of Congo orally revised draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.2.

Draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.35/Rev.1*, as orally revised, was adopted by 123 votes to 2, with 20 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.8 was adopted by 49 votes to 45, with 39 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.43* was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.2, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote.

SECOND COMMITTEE 22nd meeting

Sectoral policy questions [96]

(a) Business and development

(b) Industrial development cooperation

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard introductory statements by the Officer-in-Charge of the Division for Public Economics and Public Administration of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, under sub-item (a), and the Special Representative and Assistant Director-General for United Nations Affairs of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, under sub-item (b).

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Belgium (on behalf of the European Union, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), Pakistan, Ghana, the Russian Federation, Japan, Togo, Mexico and Nigeria.

Environment and sustainable development [98]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.10

The representative of Tajikistan introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document.

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for Further Implementation of Agenda 21

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.11

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(b) International strategy for disaster reduction

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.12

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and Mexico.

(d) Convention on Biological Diversity

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.9

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced and orally revised the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(g) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005

Introduction to draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.8

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Operational activities for development [99]

(a) Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.13

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.14

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

23rd meeting

Sectoral policy questions [96]

(a) Business and development

(b) Industrial development cooperation

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Ukraine, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the Bahamas (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)).

The Committee thus concluded its general consideration of the item.

Deadline for the submission of draft proposals

The Committee was reminded that the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under sub-item 96 (a) (Business and development) was Tuesday, 6 November at 6 p.m.

At the request of the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under sub-item 96 (b) (Industrial development cooperation) was postponed until Tuesday, 13 November at 6 p.m.

THIRD COMMITTEE 30th meeting

Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [116]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.30

The representative of Denmark introduced, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document as well as Australia, Greece and Italy, and orally corrected the draft resolution.

Venezuela joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Right of peoples to self-determination [118]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of India, Pakistan, Nigeria, the Syrian Arab Republic and Algeria.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Morocco and Algeria.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of the item.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement on the organization of the Committee's work.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 23rd meeting

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [123]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Reformulated narrative (Section 8: Legal affairs) (A/C.5/56/11)

Reformulated narrative (Section 27C: Office of Human Resources Management) (A/C.5/56/10)

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the reformulated narrative for Section 8 (Legal affairs) (A/C.5/56/11) and Section 27C (Office of Human Resources Management) (A/C.5/56/10).

Statements were made by the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), Egypt and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Director and a representative of the Programme Planning and Budget Division replied to questions raised.

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [130]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services introduced the annual report of that Office (A/56/381) and the reports on the inspection of programme management and administrative practices in the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention (A/56/83) and on the audit of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees operations in Albania (A/56/128).

Statements were then made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of the Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta and Turkey), the United States, Saudi Arabia and the Russian Federation.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 18th meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-third session [162]

Statements were made by the representatives of Hungary, the United Kingdom, Poland, Australia, Mexico, New Zealand, Guatemala, the Russian Federation, India, Argentina, Cyprus and Romania.

The Observer of Switzerland also made a statement.

The Special Reporter, Mr. P.S. Rao, made a statement.

The Chairman spoke.

19th meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-third session [162]

The Chairman of the International Law Commission, Mr. Peter C.R. Kabatsi (Uganda), introduced Chapter VI of the Commission's report dealing with reservations to treaties.

Statements were made by the representatives of Bahrain, China, Italy and the Republic of Korea.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973

Accession: Tajikistan (19 October 2001)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

TREATY EVENT - MULTILATERAL TREATIES ON TERRORISM (UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS) (10-16 November 2001)

Signature of, and deposit of instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General

The above event will take place from 10 November to 16 November 2001 at United Nations Headquarters. Appropriate facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 4 October 2001, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties under his custody, in particular those concerning terrorism, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs promptly to arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel.: (212) 963-5047; fax: (212) 963-3693).

Delegations are also requested to submit copies of instruments including, where appropriate, texts of declarations and reservations, and, as necessary, required full powers to the Treaty Section at the latest by 7 November 2001 for verification.

It is recalled that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued by one of these authorities. Advice on full powers may be obtained from the Treaty Section. Further information on the event will be provided closer to 10 November 2001.

The texts and status of multilateral treaties which address various aspects of terrorism, can be obtained at the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site (http://untreaty.un.org.), including the following four Conventions deposited with the Secretary-General:

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973;

International Convention against the Taking of Hostages. New York, 17 December 1979;

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997; and

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999.

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